

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Dee Brown, on February 2, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Dee Brown, Chair (R)
Sen. Roger Webb, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 191, 1/28/2015; SB 121, 1/28/2015; HB 84, 1/26/2015

HEARING ON SB 191

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:15 Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D), SD 25, opened the hearing on SB 191, Specify exception for state parks under the procurement laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:34 Jeff Welch, Montana State Parks and Recreation Board (MSPRB)

00:08:03 Diane Conradi, MSPRB

00:11:02 Chas Van Genderen, administrator, Montana State Parks Department, Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(sts23a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sts23a02\)](#)

00:13:18 Bert Hopeman, Sharbert Enterprises, Inc.

[EXHIBIT\(sts23a03\)](#)

00:19:35 Bob Walker, Our Montana

[EXHIBIT\(sts23a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:21:55 Sen. Kary

00:22:01 Ms. Conradi, MSPRB

00:22:56 Sen. Kary

00:23:08 Ms. Conradi

00:23:34 Mr. Van Genderen, FWP

00:24:24 Chair Brown

00:24:30 Mr. Van Genderen

00:25:12 Chair Brown

00:25:20 Sen. Webb

00:25:35 Mr. Van Genderen

00:26:32 Sen. Webb

00:26:38 Mr. Van Genderen

00:27:16 Sen. Whitford

00:27:44 Mr. Van Genderen

[EXHIBIT\(sts23a05\)](#)

00:28:53 Chair Brown

00:29:21 Mr. Van Genderen

00:31:51 Chair Brown

00:32:07 Mr. Van Genderen

00:32:36 Chair Brown

00:32:40 Sen. Hinkle
 00:32:58 Mr. Van Genderen
 00:33:31 Sen. Malek
 00:34:27 Mr. Van Genderen
 00:35:32 Sen. Malek
 00:36:01 Mr. Van Genderen
 00:36:43 Chair Brown
 00:37:17 Sen. Webb
 00:37:30 Mr. Van Genderen
 00:38:08 Sen. Webb
 00:38:22 Mr. Van Genderen
 00:39:42 Chair Brown
 00:40:03 Mr. Van Genderen

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:32 Sen. Driscoll
 00:41:26 Chair Brown

HEARING ON SB 121

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:42:05 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 121, Revise what employment by a PERS retiree is considered active member service.

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts23a06)

00:48:20 Mike McGinley, Public Employees Retirement Board (PERB)

00:51:14 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts23a07)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:03:40 Dore Schwinden, Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration (MPERA)

01:04:46 Melanie Symons, MPERA

[EXHIBIT](#)(sts23a08)

01:10:45 Diane Fladmo, MEA-MFT

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:13:52 Chair Brown
 01:14:27 Mr. Schwinden, MPERA
 01:15:17 Chair Brown
 01:15:48 Mr. Schwinden

01:15:58 Sen. Hinkle
 01:16:39 Ms. Symons, MPERA
 01:18:56 Sen. Hinkle
 01:19:11 Ms. Symons
 01:19:34 Sen. Whitford
 01:20:20 Mr. Schwinden
 01:20:32 Sen. Whitford
 01:20:51 Mr. Schwinden

Closing by Sponsor:

01:21:11 Sen. Kary
 01:23:31 Recess
 01:30:27 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 84

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:30:46 Rep. Bryce Bennett (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on HB 84, Generally revise election laws.

EXHIBIT(sts23a09)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:48:32 Linda Stoll, Montana Associations of Clerks and Recorders (MACR)
 01:52:18 Lisa Kimmet, Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)
 01:53:45 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
 01:54:41 Mona Jamison, Big Sky Resort Area District (BSRAD)
 01:58:23 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)
 and for Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)
 01:59:42 Ann McCauley, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)
 02:00:24 David Nielsen, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
 02:00:46 Braden Fitzgerald, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

Opponents' Testimony None:

Informational Testimony:

02:01:28 Nicole Thuotte, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:01:58 Sen. Hinkle
 02:02:35 Rep. Bennett
 02:03:13 Sen. Malek
 02:03:53 Rep. Bennett
 02:04:22 Chair Brown
 02:04:31 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

02:05:53 Chair Brown
02:06:23 Ms. Jamison, BSRAD
02:07:25 Chair Brown
02:07:48 Ms. Jamison

Closing by Sponsor:

02:08:35 Rep. Bennett

Committee Business:

02:10:29 Chair Brown

ADJOURNMENT

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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